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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

"Detecting Human Faces In Color Images", M.H. Yang and N. Ahuja, Proceedings of the 1998 IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP 98), pgs. 127-139 Chicago, October 1998; and

"Automatic Facial Feature Detection And Location", R. Pinto-Elias and J.H. Sossa-Azuela, IEEE International Conference on Computer and Pattern Recognition 1998, pgs. 1360-1364.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information

Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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